

From the President

Dear Neighbor,

I'd like to thank all of you who helped us participate in City Fair on June 7, 8, & 9. The Council ran a "Hole-in-One" game on Main Street. Just Creations represented us on the Belvedere, selling crafts imported from Third World countries. I'm sure many of you have visited this shop in our Model Block area—if you haven't, I know you will be impressed with the quality and value they offer.

I'm sure many of you have noticed the new sidewalks on both sides of Frankfort Ave. in the Model Block Area (Frank to Bayly). The city's investment has already resulted in more business activity in the area. Flower beds are being installed on the north side of Frankfort Ave. and we continue to work on several other beautification projects in the neighborhood.

I was reminded by a friend that last year I promised in this column good weather for the Old Fashioned Fourth of July, and, sure enough we had it. So here goes—everyone attending this year will enjoy good weather as well as lots of new activities, along with the old favorites!

See you there,

Stan Hudson

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Coming Attractions

Old Fashioned

4th of July.....July 4th

August Newsletter

DeadlineJuly 12th

September Newsletter

DeadlineAugust 9th

What's Going On At The Main Stage!

12:00 The Velveteen Rabbit and Friends Show

A delightful presentation of the classic tale with original songs and lots of audience participation. Presented by Charla and Dallas Dryburgh, this brand new SummerScene show is appropriate for audiences of all ages.

1:00 Poodles of Fun

Christy Clark and her performing poodles are sure to please young and old alike. You will see poodles in costumes on their hind legs, pushing carriages, and performing other exciting feats.

2:00 Musical Salute to Irving Berlin

Gary Tipton and Keila Lally present a salute to the life and music of Irving Berlin encompassing song, dance, comedy, skits and visuals.

3:00 Magic and Juggling By Will

This magic show by talented young performer Will Chatham includes music routines, a bit of dazzling juggling and plenty of audience participation.

4:00 Vaudeville Variety Show

A nostalgic celebration of those good old days of variety entertainment. Comedy, sing-a-longs, songs, dances and wonderful surprises starring Rita Hottois and partner!

5:00 The Music Makers

The dazzling duo of Marvin Coutler and Bill McIntyre play a variety of music for folks of all ages.

6:00 Marie Augustine: The Song Sampler

Beginning with a stint in a bluegrass band in 1978, Marie Augustine's jazz-influenced, folk-pop style of writing and singing has won her fame and accolades wherever she has played. She'll present a sampling of show tunes, big band, country and folk classics and more.

7:00 Rascals of Ragtime

This versatile group performs the best of Dixieland and Ragtime.

8:00 The Kentucky Ramblers

Gary Brewer and the Kentucky Ramblers perform soulful and energetic Bluegrass music on a national level. With blazing fingers and soul-stirring gospel numbers, the Ramblers can entertain any person from any walk of life.

Help Wanted—Please!

Volunteers are needed for the Old Fashioned Fourth of July. If you can help out for a few hours, please give volunteer chairman Michele Hundley a call at 897-1377. Volunteering to work at Council activities is a great way to meet new friends and help your neighborhood at the same time.

Field Footnotes

Field Elementary has closed out another successful year as Crescent Hill's neighborhood school. Our fund raisers enabled us to purchase a new set of World Book Encyclopedias in both book and CD format. We will be purchasing a CD reader to connect to the IBM computer and printer we earned by collecting Kroger receipts during the past school year. It will be available as a reference tool in the library for all the children next fall.

The PTA plans to update the Computer Lab with a network of the new Macintosh Classics. To reach this goal we are counting on the continued great support that the people of Crescent Hill have traditionally given to fund raisers at the Field School. To help, please bring your Kroger receipts to our display booth during the Fourth of July Party at the Peterson-Dumesnil House and keep collecting them over the summer. Our booth will have information and displays about Field School and our unique relationship with the Louisville Water Co. Come pre-register for membership in the '91-'92 PTA and pick up your free bumper sticker.

The rumors are sad but true that we are losing two members of our Field faculty this year. Roberta Clifton is transferring for a shorter commute to work and Eunice Howerton has retired for travel and relaxation. Both have promised to return for visits and we wish them both well.

See you on the 4th! Don't forget your Kroger receipts!

John Thompson
President-Field PTA

Bequest Benefits Peterson-Dumesnil House

The Peterson-Dumesnil House has received a generous bequest from the estate of Violet K. Wilkinson.

Over the years Violet Wilkinson was a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of the House, responding readily to whatever need arose. Her interest and concern will be sorely missed. Ms. Wilkinson's final contribution will be used in the restoration as a permanent memorial.

Crescent Hill's Long Association with the Louisville Water Co.

Probably one of Crescent Hill's most famous landmarks is the Crescent Hill reservoir. This month we decided to dig into the Louisville Water Company's archives and give our readers some background of these facilities.

It all began back in April of 1833 when the City of Louisville appointed a task force to research the city's water supply. The committee's report was submitted on November 11, 1833 and, just a few months later, the Legislature passed an act that allowed Louisville to borrow money to erect the water works. This initial success was put to a fast halt due to the protest among certain citizens who did not want to pay for water. It was not until two decades had passed that the water works topic surfaced again.

In the mid 1800s, after collecting enough funds through the issuance of stock, the dream of the water works seemed about to come true. Construction began under the nationally renowned engineer, Theodore R. Scowden, and on October 16, 1860 the first piped water went to 512 subscribers.

The original water works was constructed on the hill where Veteran's Hospital now stands. The pumping station, tower & reservoir had a limited capacity of handling 7,100,000 gallons of water. This however, was quite an accomplishment for Louisville since she was the first of her size to have a water works.

Louisville continued to grow and it became evident a bigger facility would be necessary to meet the city's needs. The new site was chosen in the heart of Crescent Hill. Construction began in 1877 and by 1879 the new 100 million gallon reservoir was completed.

Our water works has had a full history including surviving the Civil war, the 1884 flood, the 1890 tornado, the financial panic of the 1890s, two world wars and the 1974 tornado. Thanks to excellent leadership throughout its existence the water works has continued to supply pure water to Crescent Hill residents and our fellow Louisvillians

Editor's note: The information for this article was obtained from the Louisville Water Company's A History of the Louisville Water Company by Kimberly A Schmitt.